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FCC ADDRESSES VERIZON FORBEARANCE REQUESTS FOR SIX METROPOLITAN AREAS

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today addressed petitions for forbearance filed by the Verizon Telephone Companies, which sought certain forbearance relief in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas, or MSAs.

The Commission found that the current evidence of competition does not satisfy the section 10 forbearance standard with respect to any of the forbearance Verizon requests. Accordingly, the Commission denied the requested relief in all six MSAs.

Action by the Commission, December 4, 2007. Chairman Martin, Commissioners Tate and McDowell, with Commissioners Copps and Adelstein concurring.

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